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Bodies in Mexico Believed of Americans

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MEXICO CITY, June 18 — The police today unearthed the bodies of two men they believe to be American citizens who disappeared from Guadalajara last January. Authorities said the men had been killed after being mistaken for informants by drug traffickers.

A spokesman for the Mexican Attorney General's office said the Federal Judicial Police made the discovery following testimony on Monday by five men accused of drug trafficking, including Rafael Caro Quintero and Ernesto Fonseca Carrillo.

The spokesman said that forensic tests were under way to confirm the men's identities, but that there was little doubt they were the missing Americans.

The spokesman, Francisco Fonseca, said the reputed traffickers had confessed to having killed the two Americans, John Walker and Alberto Radelat, in a Guadalajara restaurant last Jan. 30 because "they thought they were informers."

Agent's Body Found

The two men were among seven Americans who have disappeared in the western tourist city since last December. The tortured body of one of them, Enrique Camarena Salazar, an agent of the Drug Enforcement Administration, was found last March, leading to the arrests of Mr. Caro Quintero and Mr. Fonseca Carrillo. Both men, who are said by authorities to be leaders of the Mexican drug trade, have been charged in the agent's murder.

There has been no information on the four other missing Americans, all of them Jehovah's Witnesses, who were reported to have been distributing religious literature in a residential neighborhood at the time of their disappearance last December.

Mr. Walker, 36 years old and from Minneapolis, had been living in Mexico for about a year and was said by his family to be working on a mystery novel about the Mexican drug underworld. Mr. Radelat, who was 33 and from Fort Worth, Tex., was visiting him at the time the two disappeared.

According to Mr. Fonseca, Mr. Walker and Mr. Radelat entered La Langosta restaurant in Guadalajara between 10 and 10:30 P.M. on Jan. 30.

Mr. Caro Quintero and several associates had been there since about 6 P.M., Mr. Fonseca said, "drinking and taking drugs — they were already on another cloud."

Stabbed With Ice pick

Thinking because of their foreign appearance and North American accents that the two men were drug informants, associates of Mr. Caro Quintero began to beat them, Mr. Fonseca said. They then dragged the two into the kitchen and stabbed them repeatedly with an ice pick.

Mr. Fonseca said the two men died shortly after midnight. He said their bodies were wrapped in tablecloths and taken in a station wagon to a burial spot near a highway leading north out of the city.

The two bodies were uncovered shortly after dawn today by the Federal Judicial Police, Mr. Fonseca said. He said the policemen were guided to the burial site by Francisco Tejeda Jaramillo, an associate of Mr. Caro Quintero.

Even before Monday's testimony, authorities had become convinced that Mr. Caro Quintero had a role in the death of the two Americans. An indictment charging him and several associates with abduction and homicide was filed by federal authorities earlier this month.

Investigations into Mexico's drug trade, which intensified after the abduction last February of Mr. Camarena Salazar and a Mexican pilot who worked with him, has put new focus on ties between drug traffickers and the authorities and resulted in major shake-ups in some Mexican police forces.

In the Federal Security Directorate, a semisecret political intelligence

force run by the Interior Ministry, more than 400 agents have been dismissed and 19 state commanders replaced in recent months. Several of its agents and former agents have been detained in connection with the drug in-

vestigations.

The former commander of the directorate, Antonio Zorrillo Pérez, abandoned a run for a federal legislative post and reportedly left the country last month.